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Subject: ALL records including ALL electronic records belong to citizens

TO Members of the Public Records Board: Matthew Blessing, Paul Ferguson, Bryan Naab, Melissa Schmidt, Sandra Broady-Rudd, Carl Buesing & Peter Sorce

I have been a life-long citizen of Wisconsin and never in my life have I seen so many one-sided political based legislation passed under the guise of promoting greater freedom for the citizens of Wisconsin.

This exclusion of electronic records (emails, text messages, Facebook posts, etc) by public employees in open records requests are absolutely appalling.

The State Public Records Board needs to recend its action to limit access to electronic records. ALL records including ALL electronic records belong to the people. Any and all records needs to be preserved and available to open records requests.

OPEN government is a key to the last ability of the people to monitor what elected officials are doing, especially a state government that has become so one-sided in the Republican's favor. Personally, I believe all levels of government should be open to examination which includes all forms of communication...no matter who is in office.

We live in a time that electronic records have more relevance than ever and are being used in far greater numbers than other forms of communication.

If you have nothing to hide then why is the State trying to hide electronic communications. Unfortunately, the State of Wisconsin is under one party rule. However, this does not mean that this one party can hide and operate without public scrutiny and limit what the government deems they want to share with its citizens.

Our state is being run by a bunch of power hungry Republican politicians and their donors. This is not the Wisconsin I remember. There used to be checks and balances and not "our way or the highway" mentality.

Again, the Public Records Board needs to rescind its action to limit access to ANY and ALL electronic communications. ALL communications needs to be preserved and available to the public.

Sincerely,

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